

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21, without prejudice. Please add new claims 22-73, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claims 1 - 21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (new): A method for the manufacture of a cosmetic rinse-off composition for the treatment of the hair and/or the skin, which comprises adding to a rinse-off composition, containing conventional ingredients in conventional amounts, from 0.10 to 10% by weight percent dry matter, calculated on the total weight of the rinse-off composition, of the inulin-type fructan being oligofructose or inulin, which is free from (i) cationic polymeric conditioning agents, (ii) terpolymers composed of a monomer of a carboxylic acid containing an α, β-mono-ethylenic unsaturation, a non-ionic monomer bearing a urethane group, and a non-surfactant monomer with mono-ethylenic unsaturation which is different from the first mentioned monomer, and (iii) polysaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the rinse-off composition is also free from monosaccharides and from di- and oligosaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan, apart from fructose, glucose, sucrose and difructose dianhydride.

Claim 24 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the inulin-type fructan is used as a conditioning agent.

Claim 25 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the inulin-type fructan is used as a complete substitute for cationic polymeric conditioning agents in conventional rinse-off compositions.

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Claim 26 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the rinse-off composition contains the inulin-type fructan at a concentration from 1 to 10% by weight.

Claim 27 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the inulin-type fructan is oligofructose.

Claim 28 (new): The method of claim 27, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 2 to 9.

Claim 29 (new): The method of claim 27, wherein the oligofructose as a DP ranging from 3 to 5.

Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin.

Claim 31 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein the inulin has a DP ranging from 2 to 100.

Claim 32 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein the inulin-type fructan is chicory inulin with a DP ranging from 2 to 70.

Claim 33 (new): The method of claim 30, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin from agave, Jerusalem artichoke or dahlia.

Claim 34 (new): A process for the manufacture of a cosmetic rinse-off composition, the components of a conventional rinse-off composition which comprises co-mixing with 0.10% to 10% weight, calculated on the total weight of the rinse-off composition, of an inulin-type fructan selection from an oligofructose or an inulin, water and one or more other components, with the exception of (i) cationic polymeric conditioning agents, (ii) terpolymers composed of a monomer of a carboxylic acid containing an α , β -mono-ethylenic unsaturation, a non-ionic monomer bearing a urethane group, and a non-surfactant monomer with mono-ethylenic unsaturation which is different from the first mentioned monomer, and (iii) polysaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan, are co-mixed.

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Claim 35 (new): The process of claim 34, wherein neither the inulin-type fructan component nor said other components include monosaccharides or di- and oligosaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan, apart from fructose, glucose, sucrose and difructose dianhydride.

Claim 36 (new): The process of claim 34, wherein the rinse-off composition contains the inulin-type fructan at a concentration from 1 to 10 weight percent.

Claim 37 (new): The process of claim 34, comprising the step of co-mixing one or more components or parts of said components with one or more premix compositions that contain the remaining components and/or a complementary part of the former components, or co-mixing two or more pre-mix compositions.

Claim 38 (new): The process of claim 34, wherein the inulin-type fructan is oligofructose.

Claim 39 (new): The process of claim 38, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 2 to 9.

Claim 40 (new): The process of claim 38, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 3 to 5.

Claim 41 (new): The process of claim 34, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin.

Claim 42 (new): The process of claim 41, wherein the inulin has a DP ranging from 2 to 100.

Claim 43 (new): The process of claim 41, wherein the inulin-type fructan is chicory inulin with a DP ranging from 2 to 70.

Claim 44 (new): The process of claim 41, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin from agave, Jerusalem artichoke or dahlia.

Claim 45 (new): A cosmetic rinse-off composition, comprising from 0.10% to 10% weight calculated on the total weight of the rinse-off composition, of an inulin-type fructan being an

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oligofructose or an inulin, water and one or more other components constituted by one or more ingredients in conventional amounts of conventional cosmetic rinse-off compositions, with the exception of (i) cationic polymeric conditioning agents, (ii) terpolymers composed of a monomer of a carboxylic acid containing an α , β -mono-ethylenic unsaturation, a non-ionic monomer bearing a urethane group, and a non-surfactant monomer with mono-ethylenic unsaturation which is different from the first mentioned monomer, and (iii) polysaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan.

Claim 46 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 45, wherein the rinse-off composition is also free from monosaccharides and from di- and oligosaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan, apart from fructose, glucose, sucrose and dfructose dianhydride.

Claim 47 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 45, wherein the rinse-off composition contains the inulin-type fructan at a concentration from 1 to 10% by weight.

Claim 48 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 45, wherein the inulin-type fructan is oligofructose.

Claim 49 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 48, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 2 to 9.

Claim 50 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 48, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 3 to 5.

Claim 51 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 45, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin.

Claim 52 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 51, wherein the inulin has a DP ranging from 2 to 100.

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Claim 53 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 51, wherein the inulin-type fructan is chicory inulin with a DP ranging from 2 to 70.

Claim 54 (new): The cosmetic rinse-off composition of claim 51, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin from agave, Jerusalem artichoke or dahlia.

Claim 55 (new): A process for the treatment of the hair and/or the skin, comprising rinsing the hair and/or skin with an inulin-type fructan which is an oligofructose or an inulin as claimed in claim 45.

Claim 56 (new): The process of claim 55, wherein the inulin-type fructan is oligofructose.

Claim 57 (new): The process of claim 56, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 2 to 9.

Claim 58 (new): The process of claim 56, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 3 to 5.

Claim 59 (new): The process of claim 55, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin.

Claim 60 (new): The process of claim 59, wherein the inulin has a DP ranging from 2 to 100.

Claim 61 (new): The process of claim 59, wherein the inulin-type fructan is chicory inulin with a DP ranging from 2 to 70.

Claim 62 (new): The process of claim 59, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin from agave, Jerusalem artichoke or dahlia.

Claim 63 (new): The process of claim 55, wherein the inulin-type fructan is used as a complete substitute for cationic polymeric conditioning agents used in conventional rinse-off compositions.

Claim 64 (new): The process of claim 55, wherein the rinse-off composition is a composition as claimed in claim 46.

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Claim 65 (new): The process of claim 64, wherein the rinse-off composition is also free from monosaccharides and from di- and oligosaccharides that are different from the inulin-type fructan, apart from fructose, glucose, sucrose and difructose dianhydride.

Claim 66 (new): The process of claim 64, wherein the rinse-off composition contains the inulin-type fructan at a concentration from 1 to 10% weight percent.

Claim 67 (new): The process of claim 64, wherein the inulin-type fructan is oligofructose.

Claim 68 (new): The process of claim 67, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 2 to 9.

Claim 69 (new): The process of claim 67, wherein the oligofructose has a DP ranging from 3 to 5.

Claim 70 (new): The process of claim 46, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin.

Claim 71 (new): The process of claim 70, wherein the inulin has a DP ranging from 2 to 100.

Claim 72 (new): The process of claim 70, wherein the inulin-type fructan is chicory inulin with a DP ranging from 2 to 70.

Claim 73 (new): The process of claim 70, wherein the inulin-type fructan is inulin from agave, Jerusalem artichoke or dahlia.

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